

## I. Purpose

### A. Purpose in accordance with the Clean Water Act

Defining the project purpose is critical to the evaluation of any project and in evaluating project compliance with the Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines. Defining the basic project purpose enables the Corps to determine if the activity is water dependant (see 40 CFR 230.10(a)(3)). The overall project purpose is used to identify and evaluate practicable alternatives (see 40 CFR 230.10(a)(2)).

#### 1. Basic Purpose

The Basic purpose of the BDCP is 1) water supply and 2) aquatic and associated terrestrial Delta habitat improvement.

#### 2. Overall Purpose

The Overall purpose of the BDCP is to 1) provide water supply to the SWP contractors and members of the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority listed on Table X and 2) improve aquatic and associated terrestrial Delta Habitat to restore the functions and services impacted by the historic operations of the CVP and SWP listed on Table Y.

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